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## Carter And Roosevelt

When Governor Carter called on the President at Oyster Bay today, the President might well have replied to Carter's descriptions of the popular disapproval shown towards him here that he had just "been there" himself, for Roosevelt has been experiencing a surprising drubbing not merely from the opposition, but from his own party. The President has been finding out that his extraordinary popularity and strength of reputation by no means guarantee him against the harshest kind of criticism when he seems to go wrong, and a very large part of the American people think that Roosevelt has just gone wrong in two very important matters. According to the American custom, they are saying so very plainly. Perhaps it will do Governor Carter good to note that even so strong a President as Roosevelt is, is roasted just the same as any other official, by the press and people of his own party, when he pursues what they think is a wrong course.

Roosevelt is accused of nullifying all his anti-trust campaign by refusing to countenance the prosecution of former Secretary Morton, for violations by Morton's company of the railroad rebate laws. The special counsel retained by the government to handle the matter resigned because not allowed to undertake such prosecutions, claiming that only by criminal proceedings can the evidence be brought out. On the other hand, there is no evidence that Morton was personally responsible for the offenses committed by his company, it appearing on the contrary that his orders had been against such acts. The President and the attorney general declare that the evidence must precede the prosecution, and that they will not allow a criminal charge which cannot be substantiated to be brought, for the sake of digging up evidence. However a very important percentage of Republican and Democratic papers alike declare that the President has simply protected his friend Morton, and that the anti-trust campaign has been killed by the President who started it.

As another reason for criticism not less severe, there is the President's selection of Loomis to represent the United States at Paris, in the reception of Paul Jones' remains. The appointment followed immediately after the Secretary Taft's report on the Venezuela matter, severely criticizing Loomis for indiscretions in connection with the asphalt trust and here again Roosevelt is said to have helped a friend who should have been dropped.

It has been some time since Theodore Roosevelt has done anything to arouse so much criticism as these two incidents, and they must have cost him a lot of popular support. Perhaps our governor will be able to convince him that he ought to write out a resignation to be ready if the series of events keeps up.

## The Mosquito Campaign

This community is beginning to realize, as it could in no other way, that the mosquito is an abatable nuisance. Now that little work is being done to prevent the multiplication of mosquitoes, we are beginning to see, as we refused to see before, what effective work was actually done during the early days of the mosquito campaign, and by contrast, how great a pest the mosquito is, now that we have him again in full force after a period of comparative immunity.

When the anti-mosquito campaign was first commenced, we had been so long accustomed to the mosquito, that we had become, in degree, indifferent to it. It was a part of life here, and custom had staled its acute features. Behind the protection of mosquito proof houses and lanais, many had ceased to realize what terrors the mosquito could really inspire. Others had so accustomed themselves to buhach and other similar tactics and stratagems that habit had made the inciting mosquito almost a satisfaction. Still others, in whom the habitual had become the unobserved, did not really feel that there was anything to be worried about.

Under such circumstances it is not altogether to be wondered at that the campaign against the mosquito was looked upon by many as chimerical, and never received the general and enthusiastic support it ought to have received.

As the campaign progressed some began to realize that it was having effect and to believe that it could be made entirely effective. Others, because the mosquitoes did not instantly and entirely disappear, could not believe that there was any change for the better. A great many resented the inspection of their premises necessary to carry on the work, and, to justify the breeding pools under taps, in empty tins and broken bottles, and the thousands and one similar places which the inspection showed, denied in toto, what experience and observation proved regarding the breeding places and life history of the mosquito, and these took an attitude of active or inert opposition to the campaign.

Notwithstanding all this, the campaign went on, proved its effectiveness, and greatly mitigated the mosquito pest—in some localities almost abated it. This was what chloroformed the campaign. It could probably have made headway against all the opposition to it based on the assertion that it couldn't be done. But when it actually was done, and the stimulus of the biting mosquito himself was removed, people began to feel—whether they formulated it or not—that there was no need to keep up the anti-mosquito campaign when the mosquitoes were not giving any trouble.

And so the campaign gradually lost effectiveness by the loss of interest in it. But then came the lesson. The warfare on their breeding places being relaxed, the mosquitoes began to multiply again, until at last they have grown so numerous as to be the same old pest that they were for years before the campaign against them was begun. They are bringing home to the community, with forcefulness, the truth of everything that was said in behalf of the campaign against them, namely that the mosquito pest can be abated, practically extinguished. That it can be done with comparative ease, and at no great expense. But that its price is constant warfare and eternal vigilance.

From every quarter of the city comes the complaint that the mosquito has regained his old time pre-eminence. This will not be entirely regrettable if the community accepts its legitimate lessons and proceeds to enter upon another anti-mosquito campaign, more vigorous, more general, and more unanimously supported than the last one was.

## Daniel S. Lamont

With the death of Daniel S. Lamont, there passed away a man who was at once an episode in American politics, and a man, who in a large way, opened the door of hope to the private secretary.

When Cleveland became President of the United States, he entered upon the duties of the office with a less extensive acquaintance, either with men or measures, than almost any other man who had ever been elevated to the office. But though

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his acquaintance with men was not extensive he knew some men well, and he seemed to know the basic principles of men, as few others have done. The result was that Cleveland probably had as little to regret in his appointees as any other President ever had, and some of the obscure men he picked out of his own somewhat narrow acquaintance, for high office, were highly creditable alike to themselves and to him. Among these may be mentioned Dan Manning, his Secretary of the Treasury, and in another way, Daniel S. Lamont.

Lamont was a New York state newspaper man whom Cleveland had met while governor of New York, and of whose abilities he had formed a high opinion. He made him his private secretary, and Lamont made the position of private secretary to the President, and in less degree the position of private secretary in America, the stepping stone to opportunity. Lamont was not the first private secretary to a President who afterwards reached eminence. To mention no others, the late John Hay was a private secretary to President Lincoln during the latter's first term. But that position did not immediately lead to eminence in his case, as it did in Lamont's and has in others. Lamont was the first private secretary to a president, for years, to give the office importance, to fix attention to it, to make it clear that it afforded opportunity for talent. Lamont as private secretary to Cleveland was one of the personalities that counted. Lamont gave such importance to the office, that there was a distinct feeling of disappointment that his successor, Elijah Halford, President Harrison's private secretary, did not cut a more important figure in public affairs than he did. Lamont had so acquitted himself that when under Cleveland's second administration he was made a member of the cabinet, there was a general feeling throughout the country that he was of cabinet calibre.

Lamont's career in the position of private secretary to President Cleveland, and his subsequent career as a man of big affairs, undoubtedly made it easier for President Roosevelt to promote, and for the public to accept the promotion, of George Cortelyou to the various positions of honor, but difficulty, he has so ably filled. It no doubt helped make easier the promotion of Frank Vanderlip from private secretary to Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and afterwards to the vice-presidency of the City National Bank of New York, the largest bank in America.

There are many other similar cases, though none quite so prominent perhaps, where a private secretaryship in a department at Washington has proved the open door to great advancement, and Lamont's career made it easier for everyone of them.

This is the day Governor Carter lunches with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay.

Those who talk of picking the Russian bubble will find that the Russian Manchurian army is a mighty solid sort of a bubble as soon as peace is declared.

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